

## Senate Resolution 1088

By: Senators Thomas of the 54th, Goggans of the 7th, Unterman of the 45th, Hudgens of the 47th, Schaefer of the 50th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing November as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" and encouraging all Georgians  
2 to support the goals of the Lung Cancer Alliance of Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in men and women in the  
4 United States, claiming the lives of more people each year than almost all other cancers  
5 combined; and

6 WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute estimates that in Georgia 14,790 people will die  
7 of cancer in 2006; and

8 WHEREAS, the survival rate of lung cancer has not increased in the last 30 years and the  
9 funding for research for lung cancer is significantly lower than funding for other types of  
10 cancer research; and

11 WHEREAS, there are currently no standard screening procedures for lung cancer which  
12 corresponds to the significantly higher mortality rate and results in 70 percent of new lung  
13 cancer cases failing to be diagnosed until late stages in the growth of the cancer; and

14 WHEREAS, early detection is the key to survival of this silent, deadly killer, and the State  
15 of Georgia recognizes the need for greater public awareness of the risks and the need for  
16 education and for the earlier diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
18 encourage all Georgians to have a greater awareness of the risks of lung cancer and the need  
19 for further research and early diagnosis of lung cancer and hereby recognize November as  
20 "Lung Cancer Awareness Month."

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested by this body to issue a  
2 proclamation calling upon public officials and the citizens of Georgia to observe the month  
3 of November as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" with appropriate activities and programs.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Lung Cancer Alliance of Georgia and  
6 Governor Sonny Perdue.